की एक डीज़ इंजिन विद्युत परियोजना स्थापित की जा रही है।

(ख) दिसम्बर, 1988 में योजना आयोग द्वारा इस परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में निवेश सम्बन्धी अनुमोदन प्रदान करते समय इस पर 122.03 करोड़ रुपए की लागत आने का अनुमान लगाया गया था। प्रथम यूनिट को जून, 1990 में तथा छठवीं यूनिट को दिसम्बर, 1990 में चालू किए जाने की परिकल्पना की गई थी।

(ग) विद्युत उत्पादन सम्बन्धी लागत 1.07 रुपये प्रति यूनिट होने का अनुमान लगाया गया था।

(घ) से (च) परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में तकनीकी-आर्थिक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने के सन्दर्भ में परियोजना प्राधिकारियों द्वारा संशोधित लागत अनुमान अभी केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण को प्रस्तुत नहीं किए गए हैं। तथापि, कर्नाटक बिजली बोर्ड द्वारा अनुमान लगाया गया है कि अब परियोजना पर 293.72 करोड़ रुपए की लागत आएगी और प्रथम यूनिट को अक्तूबर, 1992 तक चालू किया जा सकेगा। इसके अलावा, कर्नाटक बिजली बोर्ड ने विद्युत उत्पादन सम्बन्धी लागत 2.10 रुपए प्रति यूनिट होने का भी अनुमान लगाया है जोकि उनके विचार में अलाभकारी नहीं है।

World Bank's opinion on foreign aid utilisation

*392. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 550 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th July, 1992 and state the World Bank's opinion on the country's foreign aid utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The World Bank has, in one of its recent reports on India, stated that over the 1980s, there has been a steady deterioration in India's utilisation of committed official assistance. However it has also noted the recent steps taken by Government of India to improve utilisation, including: (i) increased attention to up-front progress in the key areas of procurement, land acquisition, and clearances; (ii) greater use of adanvces from the central to the state governments; (iii) insistence on improved provisions for contract management and (iv) restructuring of existing projects and winding up of non-viable projects.

Lifting of tobacco by Russia from India

*393. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has agreed to lift 12500 metric tonnes of tobacco from India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Russia placed orders for 15,000 tonnes of tobacco in March, 1992, as against Trade Plan provision of 25,000 tonnes. Letters of Credit for an amount of US $25 million covering a quantity of 9600 tonnes of tobacco were opened in last week of June and 1st week of July, and the export of these 9600 tonnes is in progress. For the balance quantity of 5400 tonnes, Letters of Credit are likely to be opened shortly.

Problems of telephone subscribers in Allahabad

*394. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Allahabad telephone users having five digit telephone numbers hardly get connected with six digit telephone numbers;